



## **Marine Air Control Squadron 2 Commanding Officer's Policy Statement on Substance Abuse**



The abuse of substances is counter to our core values of honor, courage, and commitment. Furthermore, substance abuse decimates physical and mental fitness and has devastating consequences on our families and fellow Marines. Substance abuse destroys the ability of our squadron to accomplish its mission and is counter to our ethos of taking care of our brothers and sisters in arms.

The goal of the MACS-2 substance abuse policy is to stop the damaging effects of substance abuse before it begins and to provide members of the command with information on the resources required to combat substance abuse. It also serves to inform Marines and Sailors on how to obtain assistance to break the devastating grip of substance abuse should one of our own fall victim to it.

Substance abuse includes legal substances such as alcohol, but also includes illegal substances. Regardless of the legality of the substance, the abuse of substances is not tolerated and shall be avoided.

While I am not opposed to the consumption of alcohol, MACS-2 Marines and Sailors shall consume responsibly, and only where legal. MACS-2 will not glamorize alcohol during unit functions. MACS-2 will ensure that alcohol is not served to Marines, Sailors, civilians, or family members who are not of the legal drinking age. Marines and Sailors who enable minors to consume, or who do not prevent individuals who they know are minors from consuming, will be held accountable. As Marines, we must act to prevent laws from being broken and safeguard those around us rather than turning a blind eye.

As a Squadron we will also strive to prevent other destructive behaviors such as:

- Drinking and driving
- Alcoholism and public drunkenness
- Illegal substance abuse
- Illicit consumption of over-the-counter medication
- Use of any banned substance such as "Spice"
- Ingestion, in any form, of industrialized chemicals and the prohibited use of household products

If you have a substance abuse problem, or know someone in the Squadron who does, I urge you to get help. Please contact the Substance Abuse Control Officer at 252-466-4200 with any questions or concerns about substance abuse or the Squadron's Substance Abuse Control Program. Let's do the right thing, lead from the front, and look after our fellow Marines, Sailors, civilians, and family members.

Semper Fidelis!

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